

AMENDMENTS

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 10, 15, 17, and cancel claim 11 as shown in the following listing of the claims. No new matter is added.

Listing of the Claims

1 – 9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition, containing as a thickener or dispersant an effective amount of a copolymer obtained by free radical polymerization of

A) ~~50–99.9%~~ 75–99.45% by weight of an olefinically unsaturated C₃-C₅-monocarboxylic acid, of an olefinically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acid or of its anhydride or a mixture of such carboxylic acids or anhydrides with

B) ~~0.1–50%~~ 0.5–24.95% by weight of one or more long-chain compounds with isolated C-C ~~multiple multiple~~ bonds selected from the group consisting of

(1) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-monocarboxylic acids which may have additional hydroxyl groups, as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, alkyl esters, amides, sorbitan esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,

(2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C₈-C₃₀-amines, and

(3) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C₁-C₄-monocarboxylic acids,

C) ~~0–49.9%~~ 0–24.45% by weight of other copolymerizable monomers and

D) ~~0–10%~~ 0.05–5% by weight of one or more compounds with at least two olefinically unsaturated groups in the molecule as crosslinkers.

11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein the

copolymers have been prepared using acrylic acid, methacrylic acid or maleic anhydride as component A.

13. (previously presented) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein the copolymers have been prepared using as component B one or more long-chain compounds with isolated double bonds selected from the group consisting of
- (1) mono- to tetraunsaturated C_{14} - C_{24} -monocarboxylic acids, as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,
 - (2) mono- to tetraunsaturated aliphatic primary C_{14} - C_{24} -amines, and
 - (3) mono- to tetraunsaturated primary C_{14} - C_{24} -alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C_1 - C_4 -monocarboxylic acids.
14. (previously presented) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein the copolymers are used which have been prepared using as component D allyl ethers of pentaerythriol, trimethylolpropane or sucrose with at least two allyl ether units in the molecule as well as allylether methacrylate, oleyl (meth)acrylate or methylenebisacrylamide.
15. (currently amended) A copolymer obtained by free-radical polymerization of
- A) 50 – 99.9% by weight of an olefinically unsaturated C_3 - C_5 -monocarboxylic acid, of an olefinically unsaturated C_4 - C_8 -dicarboxylic acid or of its anhydride or a mixture of such carboxylic acids or anhydrides with
 - B) 0.1 – 50% by weight of one or more long-chain compounds with isolated C-C ~~multiple~~ multiple bonds selected from the group consisting of
 - (1) mono- to tetraunsaturated C_{14} - C_{30} -monocarboxylic acids as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,
 - (2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C_8 - C_{30} -amines, and
 - (3) mono- or polyunsaturated C_8 - C_{30} -alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C_1 - C_4 -monocarboxylic acids,
 - C) 0 – 49.9% by weight of other copolymerizable monomers and
 - D) 0 – 10% by weight of one or more compounds with at least two

olefinically unsaturated groups in the molecule as crosslinkers.

16. (cancelled)

17. (previously presented) A cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 10 and containing as a thickener or dispersant an effective amount of a copolymer obtained by free radical polymerization of

A) 50 – 99.9% by weight of an olefinically unsaturated C₃-C₅-monocarboxylic acid;

B) 0.1 – 50% by weight of one or more long-chain compounds with isolated C-C ~~multiple~~ multiple bonds from the group comprising

(1) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-monocarboxylic acids,

(2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C₈-C₃₀-amines, and

(3) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-alcohols,

C) 0 – 49.9% by weight of other copolymerizable monomers, and

D) 0 – 10% by weight of one or more compounds with at least two olefinically unsaturated groups in the molecule as crosslinkers.